

legacy for other aspiring African American actors to emulate.

I also confess to having loved "Mission Impossible." I took tremendous pride in turning on my television set each week to watch Greg's character, Barney Collier, develop the most sensational electronics gizmo to foil the bad guys. Along with millions of his fans, I will miss Greg Morris. I therefore ask that my colleagues join me in extending our heartfelt appreciation to Greg's children for sharing their distinguished father with us for nearly four decades. He was a great actor. We shall miss him and extend our sincere condolences to his beloved family.

TRIBUTE TO JERRY JANCZAK

HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 1996

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute to Mr. Jerome "Jerry" Janczak, of Greenfield, WI, who will be honored November 7, 1996, by the South Side Business Club of Milwaukee as their Man of the Year.

Jerry's dedication to his family, his business and the Polish community in Milwaukee is a fine example for us all. He and his wife, Grace, have been married since 1954, are the proud parents of two sons and have been blessed with five grandchildren. A graduate of Milwaukee's Notre Dame High School, Jerry served our country proudly in the Air Force. In 1957, he began a distinguished career as a Milwaukee County employee, retiring in 1988 as a deputy clerk of courts, probate division.

Since 1972, Jerry has owned and operated J & J Trophies, a small business.

For many, many years, Jerry has been active in Milwaukee's Polish community, utilizing his talents in numerous ways, including serving on the board of directors of the Milwaukee Society, Polish National Alliance; the board of directors of Polish Festivals, Incorporated; and as a volunteer at Polish Fest, one of our city's unique ethnic festivals.

Jerry has served his parish well, and has been an active office holder of the South Side Business Club, St. Joseph's Foundation, and the St. Vincent DePaul Society.

It is therefore very fitting that Jerry Janczak be honored by the South Side Business Club for his many years of service to the community.

TRIBUTE TO LUCILLE MATYAS ON HER RETIREMENT

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 1996

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a longtime staff member in my district office, Lucille Matyas. Lucille has been an exceptional staff member in my office. She recently retired from after 11 years of exceptional service to the residents of the 3rd District of Illinois.

Family has always been of the utmost importance to Lucille. Lucille is the wife of the late Richard A. Matyas Sr. Lucille and her

husband had three children, George A. Matyas, Richard A. Matyas and Victoria A. Smith. She has two grandchildren, Richard and Reanna Matyas. While raising her three children, Lucille was involved in local activities and charities. In the past she has devoted her time to such groups as, Clear Ridge Baseball, St. Rene Mother's Club, Girl Scouts, De La Salle High School Parent's Club and the Maria High School Mother's Club. Lucille's dedication to these and other groups led to her involvement with politics on a local level. Lucille was a member of the 23rd Ward Democratic Women's Organization as well as the Chicago Democratic Women's Organization. The VFW Women's Auxiliary and St. Rene's Alter and Rosary Society have also received the benefit of support and volunteer time from Lucille.

Like a true Chicagoan, Lucille enjoys watching all Chicago sports teams and counts herself as one of the biggest Bulls fans in Chicago. Lucille enjoys spending time with her family and friends. In her spare time Lucille plays bingo, is an avid reader of books, collects dolls with her daughter and devotes quality time with her two grandchildren. Clearly, Lucille lives a life rich in experience and goodwill.

Lucille has a great many plans for after her retirement, these include enjoying life, spending time with her grandchildren and visiting with friends and family. Additionally, Lucille plans on traveling and sight seeing around the United States. Finally, Lucille will volunteer her spare time at local charities.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Lucille Matyas for her many years of dedicated service to the citizens of the 3rd district and to her family. With the combination of dedication to her community and family, Lucille is an inspiration and example to all. I will surely miss seeing her in my district office in Illinois. Lucille has truly been a joy to work with and her hard work and positive attitude have served my district well. I wish Lucille good luck in all of life's adventures.

TRIBUTE TO FRAN KLAUBER AND HOWARD KUSNICK

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 1996

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor two exceptional individuals from Sunrise, FL, Ms. Fran Klauber and Mr. Howard Kusnick. They will both be inducted into the Sunrise Chamber Hall of Fame on October 4, 1996 for their notable accomplishments in the chamber and in the local community. This is the second annual Sunrise Chamber Hall of Fame fundraiser dedicated to recognizing outstanding chamber members who have contributed their time and effort to help the chamber achieve a variety of successes in the Sunrise community.

I applaud the many years that Fran Klauber has spent as an active member of the Sunrise chamber. Fran has served on the chamber board, the president's advisory council, and has been involved in various programs that bridge the Sunrise business community and the local community. Fran has been instrumental in the success of the One for the Kids Program which brings business and schools

together so that students, teachers, and parents can interact with leaders in the community. Fran has actively supported the Sunrise Police Athletic League by helping to facilitate the program which provides sport activities for at-risk youth in the community. She devotes a considerable amount of time to enrich the lives of residents in the community through these programs. Currently, she continues to work on behalf of the education system as an ongoing day chair for the Leadership Sunrise Program, a program which gives business leaders valuable insight into Broward's public education system. Her accomplishments as a member of the chamber will forever touch the Sunrise community.

As three term president of the chamber, Howard Kusnick has been an active board member and currently represents the chamber as legal counsel. In 1995, the Broward County Council of Chambers recognized Howard as the Small Business Person of the Year for his leadership, direction and commitment to the business community. As an active member of the Broward Economic Development Council, he has helped to encourage new business in the county to improve the economy. Howard's contributions to the chamber have made a tremendous difference in Broward County.

I wish Fran and Howard the best on receiving this prestigious recognition from the Sunrise Chamber. I know that they will each continue to be effective business leaders and make a difference in the community.

F.M. KIRBY CENTER 10TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 1996

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring to the attention of my colleagues the 10th anniversary of the F.M. Kirby Center for the Performing Arts in Wilkes-Barre, PA. I am pleased to have been asked to join in a community salute of this milestone and to pay tribute to two outstanding community leaders, Mr. F.M. Kirby and Mr. Albert Boscov.

The Kirby Center was originally the centerpiece of the Comerford Theater chain. The state of the art movie theater was the first in the United states to offer air conditioning to its customers. Up until the 1950's the theater remained the focal point of motion picture entertainment in northeastern Pennsylvania. As television gained in popularity, attendance at the Comerford Theater began to suffer.

In 1972, the Wyoming Valley was hit by Hurricane Agnes. The storm caused the Susquehanna River to overflow its banks and devastate downtown Wilkes-Barre with dangerous flooding. The flooding caused extensive damage to the Comerford Theater which was eventually reopened. The flooding caused considerable damage to the downtown retail community and shoppers dwindled. In 1976, due to a lack of attendance the theater was forced to close.

The Comerford Building sat unused and in disrepair for the next 10 years. In order to avoid the destruction of the building, a group of concerned citizens took the first step of having the building placed on the historic register. This initial attempt at preservation was done with hopes of future development.

In 1985, Albert Boscov, the owner of Boscov's Department in downtown Wilkes-Barre became interested in renovating the theater. Mr. Boscov had a dream of turning the theater into a centerpiece performing arts center which would host local and national talent. He began a fund-raising campaign which in a little over a year and half raised \$4.3 million from thousands of members of the community, in large and small contributions. A major benefactor of the project was F.M. Kirby II, the son of the cofounder of the Woolworth's Department Store chain. In March of 1986 work was underway on what was to become the F.M. Kirby Center for the Performing Arts. In September 1986, the theater hosted opening night with a gala performance attended by local dignitaries and community leaders.

Mr. Speaker, the 10 years since that opening night have had many high and low points. Like most artistic institutions in our country, the members of the Kirby Center board have endured some economic hardship. In response to diminishing funding for the arts, patron memberships were established and the board of directors forged a profitable alliance with local business leaders to make the center a vibrant and active facility.

Demonstrating its commitment to the Wyoming Valley community, the center provides quality entertainment to over 15,000 school children a year. The center underwrites ticket costs to children's social service agencies and each year introduces a new class of children to the wonders of the arts through its International Children's Theater Festival which draws thousands of children to experience this spectacular event.

As the home of the Northeast Philharmonic Orchestra to its hosting of ballet, Broadway and Sesame Street Live, the Kirby Center has become the center for cultural activity in northeastern Pennsylvania.

Mr. Speaker, the entire community of the Wyoming Valley owes a debt to Mr. Al Boscov and Mr. Fred Kirby for their financial generosity and visionary thinking. They are responsible for taking a forlorn theater and converting it into the vibrant arts center it is today. They believed in the promise of downtown Wilkes-Barre and its long-term economic growth. I am proud to join in the tribute to these outstanding community leaders and to be part of this anniversary celebration.

CAMDEN CITY POLICE

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 1996

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me in honoring a group of citizens that glorify the State of New Jersey. On May 14 of this year the city of Camden held its' police awards banquet. The event recognized citizens and police officers that went beyond the call of duty in their particular areas of service. While I have formerly acknowledged some of these individuals, due to a clerical error certain police officers were not mentioned by name. Therefore, I would like to highlight these officers who protect our communities and place our lives before their own. Their dedication and service to the people enables us to live in safety. Moreover, their example serves as a model for all citizens.

The following Rutgers University Police should be recognized for their meritorious service: Capt. Guy Still; Lt. Edmund Johnson; Sgt. Michael Amorim; Sgt. Louis Capelli; Officer John Denmark; Officer William Singleton; Officer Lynn Vrooman; Officer Tracy McGriff; and Officer William Princiotta.

The following officers were killed in the line of duty: Officer George F. Jefferis (1951); Sgt. Carmin Fuscillaro (1961); Officer George Schultz (1969); Officer Charles Sutman (1969); Officer Rand Chandler (1969); Officer Elwood Ridge (1973); and Officer Stuart Roberts (1975).

INTRODUCTION OF THE NATIONAL INDIAN EDUCATION BONDING AUTHORITY PILOT PROJECT ACT OF 1996

HON. TIM JOHNSON

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 1996

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. Speaker, today, I am introducing legislation to establish an innovative funding mechanism to enhance the ability of Indian tribes to construct, repair, and maintain quality educational facilities. Representatives from tribal schools in my State of South Dakota have been working with tribes nationwide to develop an initiative which I believe will be a positive first step toward addressing the serious crisis we are facing in Indian education. The National Indian Education Bonding Authority Pilot Project Act is currently in draft form. I am introducing this legislation at this stage to begin dialog and debate among my colleagues on this important funding initiative.

Mr. Speaker, 56 percent of the American Indian population in this country is age 24 or younger. Consequently, the need for improved educational programs and facilities, and for training the American Indian workforce is pressing. American Indians have been, and continue to be, disproportionately affected by both poverty and low educational achievement. The high school completion rate for Indian people aged 20 to 24 was 12.5 percent below the national average. American Indian students, on average, have scored far lower on the National Assessment for Education Progress indicators than all other students. In 1994, the combined average score for Indian students on the Scholastic Achievement Test was 65 points lower than the average for all students. These statistics reflect the continued neglect of America's underserved Indian student population and are unacceptable.

By ignoring the most fundamental aspect of education; that is, safe, quality educational facilities, there is little hope of breaking the cycle of low educational achievement, and the unemployment and poverty that result from neglected academic potential.

The National Indian Education Bonding Authority Pilot Project Act establishes a bonding authority to use existing tribal education funds for bonds in the municipal finance market which currently serves local governments across the Nation. Instead of funding construction projects directly, these existing funds will be leveraged through bonds to fund substantially more tribal school construction, maintenance and repair projects.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs estimates the tribal school construction and repair backlog at \$850 million. Confounding this backlog, inflation and facility deterioration increases this amount by an estimated \$80 million per year. The administration's school construction request for fiscal year 1997 was \$23 million, and the House-passed level was a mere \$21 million. In this budgetary climate, I believe every avenue for efficiently stretching the Federal dollar should be explored.

Tribal schools in my State and around the country address the unique learning needs and styles of Indian students, with sensitivity to Native cultures, ultimately promoting higher academic achievement. There are strong historical and moral reasons for continued support of tribal schools. In keeping with our special trust responsibility to sovereign Indian nations, we need to promote the self-determination and self-sufficiency of Indian communities. Education is absolutely vital to this effort. Allowing the continued deterioration and decay of tribal schools through lack of funding would violate the Government's commitment and responsibility to Indian nations and only slow the progress of self-sufficiency.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to closely examine the National Indian Education Bonding Authority Pilot Project Act and join me in working to make this innovative funding mechanism a reality.

CONGRATULATING THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA ON ITS 85TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ENI F.H. FALCOMAVEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 1996

Mr. FALCOMAVEGA. Mr. Speaker, on the eve of the Republic of China's 85th anniversary—this October 10, 1996—I wish to congratulate Taiwan for the outstanding accomplishments of this thriving and vibrant democracy of 21 million people.

Taiwan is one of the world's most compelling economic success stories, rising from World War II's destructiveness to become a global trading power with foreign exchange reserves today second only to Japan. Taiwan must also be commended for its significant progress toward democratization, which came to full bloom this year with Taiwan's first Presidential elections. These historic elections were conducted democratically and peacefully, despite the threats and provocations issued by the People's Republic of China.

In light of these achievements, Taiwan deserves not only our admiration, but support for Taiwan's drive for greater participation in the affairs of the international community. Taiwan's aspirations to be an active member of international organizations of the world community are well-founded. It has all the necessary qualifications: a sound political system, a much-admired world-class economy, and a genuine desire to maintain peace and stability in East Asia, and around the globe.

As noted recently by Taiwan's chief representative to Washington, Dr. Jason Hu, Taiwan's people only seek to receive fair treatment with dignity in the international community. The goal of participation within the global community of governments is, in my opinion, not the same as seeking independence.